# SPORTS

### **GAWKY JESS WILLARD IS** HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

Jack Johnson Is Merely a Portly, Middle-Aged Colored Man.

RIGHT-HAND CLIP DID

For Twenty-Five Rounds Negro Battled Bitterly and Bravely Against Young Giant-Big Ace Done With Ring, but Champ Just Started.

BY DAMON RUNYON.

HAVANA, April 5 .- To-night Jess illard, a gawky, green-looking Kansas farmer and cowpuncher, is cham-pion of the world, with all the world before him, while Jack Johnson, late lord of the puglistic realm, is just a portly, middle-aged colored man, browsing on the memory of one of the greatest battles ever made by a fighter

One ferocious right-hand smash to pit of Johnson's fat, black stomach t crumpled the big body of the ro in grinding pain at the opening he twenty-sixth round, followed a minute later by a terrific right-clip to the Jaw, are the blows made new history for the American sport on alien soil, with alien tengues drowning the sound of Amer-ican voices in the weird demonstra-tion that followed.

Johnson fell and was counted out y Referee Jack Welch in his own

twenty-five rounds the negro had battled bitterly and bravely against his gigantic young white opponent, waging a warfare of such gameness and craft as to finally arouse admira-tion of even the sporting men at the ringside who had been waiting since 1910 for this day. And while the finish was obvious, no one had looked for

Spectators See Old Smile Fade. Only the round before some one in the crowd had remarked that Johnson that quit laughing. Johnson turned and winked his oye and lifted his bruised and bloody lips in a ghost of his famous old "golden smile," and then stumbled out of his corner for the twenty-sixth round.

### What Actors Had to Say for Themselves

BY JESS WILLARD.

I knew I could do It.

Johnson gave me a great buttle for twenty rounds, but he could not

hurt me, although his punches were powerful. I had not figured I would win before the twentieth round, feeling sure Johnson would up well until then. I was sure that my endurance was superior to his, and that by laying back I could tire him out.

I fought cautiously until the twentieth round, and then in the twenty-first and twenty-second, seeing Johnson tiring rapidly, I went in to finish him up.

In the twenty-fourth I knew I had the championship within my grasp.

In the twenty-fifth I shot neross two body punches, knowing they would weaken the champion, and when the twenty-sixth came I went out to finish Johnson.

When the round started, Johnson was slow in getting from his corner, and his grouginess spurred

I backed him into a corner. feinted with my left, foreing him to shift his guard, and then shot my right against his jaw with all the power in my body, ending the fight, and realizing my life's greatest ambitton.

BY JACK JOHNSON. I met a better man, and was

I did the best I could, and put forth the best that was in me to win, but, despite the rain of blows, Willard seemed unaffected, though I hit him hard enough and often enough in the first twenty rounds

to floor ten ordinary men. One consolation I have to that I proved to my friends that I was in condition. This was shown by the fight up to the twentieth round. No man could have tried barder than I to win, but I was up against a

sahamed to be seen shaking the hand of the old black during the jam about his corner at the finish. He fought a masterly battle, and the wonder is that he was able to last as long as he did, as almost a foregone conclusion for days. As shown taking anything from Wilhard's victory, there are few who heard before we would have had the slightest chance with Johnson a few years back, in the was 5 minutes and 6 seconds behind. Disborow gold have had the slightest chance with Johnson a few years back, in the was a battle of one lone black.

Stockley and Roy.

Umpire, Mr. Chambiss.

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Johnson did not seem to be totally unconscious, ecocreting soon after his seconds asahered him up. He stood with a white towed wrapped are are alout for his great height. The big farmer grimed arnibly white freely broke across his counter but for his great height. The big farmer grimed arnibly white freely broke up to the gradually believe to the string farmer grimed arnibly white freely broke up to the corner but for his great height. The big farmer grimed arnibly white freely broke up to the corner but for his great height. The big farmer grimed arnibly white freely and do not expect to the corner but for his great height. The big farmer grimed arnibly white freely and do not expect to the corner but for his great height. The big farmer grimed arnibly white freely and distribute the first with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight with drawn subjects to rescue both of the fight was a subject to the corner.

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## FORDHAM DROPS UPHILL CONTEST TO VIRGINIA

Northerners Unable to Overcome Teams Hold Swatfest, in Which Visi-Five-Run Lead Gathered in First Inning.

Hit After Twirlers Got Bearings. Smith and Kiernan Get Circuit Drives in Opening Inning.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 5.
—Fordham played a splendid uphill game to-day, but could not quite overcome Virginia's five-run lead, secured in the first inning before the visiting twirlers could get their bearings, Martin, who started off for Fordham, did not last an inning. He retired after E. N. Smith drove the ball over the bank in deep center. Two runs were scored off his successor, Walsh, in this frame, but thereafter the Southerners drew blanks.

Kiernan and Berrigan fielded brilliantly for Fordham. The former laced out a home run in the first inning, while kane contributed three hits, including a double in the fourth, which sent two runs across.

The score: Fordham.

Fordham.

### BROOKLYN DEFEATS INTS BY SUPERIIOR STICKWORK

tors Have Best of Argument.

DREW BLANKS THEREAFTER RUSSELL PROVES INEFFECTIVE

Orange and Blue Batsmen Unable to Spitter Is Unable to Check Hitting, and Jarman Is Sent to His Relief. Jack Coombs Proves That He Is No Umpire.

ly due to the soft condition of the outfield, which made going practically impossible for the gardeners. Many of the other swats would never have passed the inner works had the men been able to get to them through the muck. Others went safe through weird hops and bounds which got them past the already crouching infielders set to take the ball.

In spite of it all, the game was extremely interesting to watch as the

in spite of it all, the game was extremely interesting to watch, as the uncertainties, coupled with the free quent hitting, made plenty of action, and there was scarce a minutes that some surprise was not sprung. Then, too, a number of fielding stunts of a real sensational character were pulled of

off.

Itussell started on the mound for the Ints, and showed none of the form he displayed last week. In the two innings he was in the box he walked o lunings he was in the box he walked
two and, just before being relieved, he
was touched for a double and a single
in succession, and while the runners
Brown, the Superbas' twirler, who connected with a swift one which he proproceed by the right field for a server.

burg; V. M. I.; J. Umpire, Sampson. Scouts Elect Ball Leaders

At the meeting of the Highland Park Scouts, the manager of the baseball team for the season was elected, Doubles receiving the vote. O. Devine was elected captain, and under these two a banner tea mis expected.